

# Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services

## Background

CMS implemented a three-year Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services in the states of Illinois, Florida, Texas, Michigan, and Massachusetts. The demonstration began in Illinois in August 2016. CMS tested whether pre-claim review improves methods for the identification, investigation, and prosecution of Medicare fraud occurring among Home Health Agencies (HHAs) providing services to people with Medicare benefits. Additionally, CMS tested whether the demonstration helps reduce expenditures while maintaining or improving quality of care.

The Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services did not create new clinical documentation requirements. HHAs submitted the same information for payment, but earlier in the process. This helped assure that all relevant coverage and clinical documentation requirements were met before the claim was submitted for payment. This demonstration was designed to not delay care to Medicare beneficiaries and did not alter the Medicare home health benefit. The pre-claim review request could be submitted at any time before the final claim was submitted and could occur after home health services began.

If HHAs in the demonstration states did not utilize the pre-claim review process, those claims submitted for payment were stopped for pre-payment review and could be subject to denial. After the first three months of the demonstration in a participating state, CMS reduced payment by 25 percent for claims that were deemed payable but did not first receive a pre-claim review decision.

### Update 5/30/2018

On April 1, 2017, the Pre-Claim Review Demonstration for Home Health Services was paused in Illinois and was not expanded to other states. Following the pause, CMS worked to revise the Demonstration to incorporate more flexibility and choice for providers, as well as risk-based changes to reward providers who show compliance with Medicare home health policies. More information on the revised RCD for HHAs can be found on the [Review Choice Demonstration for Home Health Services](#) page.

## Downloads

- [Week Twenty-Four Affirm Rate in Illinois \(PDF\)](#)
- [Process Diagram \(PDF\)](#)
- [PCRD Overview updated 07262016\\_508.pdf \(PDF\)](#)